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SUBJ: MIKI VISIT: AGENDA TOPICS

EA/J FOR SHERMAN

1. I MET WITH DEPUTY MINISTER BUNROKU YOSHINO, JULY 30, FOR WRAP-UP DISCUSSION OF PREPARATIONS FOR MIKI VISIT. MY PARTICULAR PURPOSE WAS TO SOUND OUT YOSHINO ON FINAL AGENDA PRIME MINISTER MIKI MAY HAVE IN MIND FOR HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER.

2. YOSHINO OPENED CONVERSATION, HOWEVER, BY ASKING ME WHAT SUBJECTS I THOUGHT IT MOST LIKELY PRESIDENT WOULD RAISE. I REPLIED THAT I COULD GIVE HIM NO MORE AUTHORITATIVE WORD ON THIS POINT THAN HE HAD RECEIVED IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB IN WASHINGTON. I THOUGHT IT LIKELY PRESIDENT WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS AS FOLLOWING: POST VIETNAM SITUATION AND PROSPECTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND EAST ASIA GENERALLY WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION GIVEN TO KOREA: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND PROSPECTS: A REVIEW OF U S /SOVIET RELATIONS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO PROGRESS ON SALT: AND ENERGY, FOOD AND OTHER GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. I ADDED THAT PRESIDENT PROBABLY ANTICIPATES PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING ABOUT U S/PRC

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RELATIONS AND THAT PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY MIGHT RAISE

WITH PRIME MINISTER OUR CONCERNS REGARDING FORTHCOMING
UNGA SESSIONS ALONG LINES OF SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE
SPEECH

3. YOSHINO REPLIED THAT WITH EXCEPTION OF UNGA
PROBLEMS, SUBJECTS I HAD MENTIONED ARE THOSE WHICH
ARE LIKELY TO BE UPPERMOST IN PRIME MINISTER'S MIND.
HE ADDED THAT FOREIGN OFFICE ALSO ANTICIPATED PRESIDENT
OR SECRETARY MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT.

4. YOSHINO THEN MENTIONED THAT FOREIGN OFFICE
BELIEVES IT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN DISUADING PRIME
MINISTER FROM ADVANCING PACIFIC BASIN CONCEPT.
INSTEAD, HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT PRIME MINISTER MIGHT
RAISE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE
TO ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES:
(A) THAT U S AND JAPAN AGREE TO MAINTAIN PRESENT
LEVELS OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND IF POSSIBLE
INCREASE (B) A PROPOSAL TO EXPLORE JOINTLY WAYS OF
INCREASING THE FLOW OF PRIVATE CAPITAL TO SOUTHEAST
ASIAN COUNTRIES: AND (C) A PROPOSAL TO EXPLORE JOINTLY
THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVISING SOME MECHANISM TO GUARANTEE
ON A GLOBAL BASIS THE EXPORT EARNINGS OF SOUTHEAST
ASIAN LDC'S. YOSHINO DESCRIBED THIS THIRD PROPOSAL AS
"RATHER IMPORTANT" AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE
U S SIDE WOULD NOT BE "TOO SHOCKED" BY THE PRIME
MINISTER'S RAISING IT. (IN THIS CONNECTION SEE TOKYO'S
10063.)

5. YOSHINO SEEMED TO FEEL THAT DETAILED DISCUSSIONS
ON FOOD PROBABLY COULD BEST BE LEFT TO AGRICULTURE
MINISTERABE'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON SHORTLY AFTER THAT
OF THE PRIME MINISTER. WITH RESPECT TO THE PRODUCER-
CONSUMER CONFERNCE, HOSHINO SAID HE FELT GO
THINKING VERY MUCH IN LINE WITH THAT OF U S AND DID
NOT SEE ANY PARTICULAR PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA.

6. TURNING TO KOREAN QUESTION I SAID THAT RECENT
PRESS REPORTS OF UTSUNOMIYA'S MEETING WITH KIM IL-SUNG
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(SEE SEPTEL) MIGHT CAUSE SOME CONCERN IN WASHINGTON
FOR THE DIRECTION OF MIKI GOVERNMENT'S KOREAN POLICY.
YOSHINO REPLIED THAT HE WAS CERTAIN PRIME MINISTER
WOULD ADHERE TO POSITION HE HAD OUTLINED TO AMBASSADOR
HODGSON IN THEIR LUNCHEON ON JULY 15 (TOKYO 9571, PARA 6).
HE EXPLAINED THAT UTSUNOMIYA'S VIEWS DO NOT REFLECT
THOSE OF THE MAJORITY OF LDP OR GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP.
I REMARKED THAT PRESS ATTENTION GIVEN TO UTSUNOMIYA/

KIM MEETING MADE IT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT PRIME MINISTER SET FORTH CLEARLY HIS VIEWS ON THE KOREAN PROBLEM IN DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY. YOSHINO AGREED AND SAID HE WOULD MAKE THIS POINT IN PLANNING MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER SCHEDULED FOR LATER IN THE DAY.

7. AS A FINAL POINT, YOSHINO SAID IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PRIME MINISTER MAY RAISE WITH PRESIDENT GOJ CONCERN FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT U S CONGRESS MAY LEGISLATE 200-MILE FISHING ZONE, A DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD PLACE GOJ UNDERCONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM ITS FISHING INTERESTS TO DECLARE UNILATERALLY 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE MENTIONED THAT TELEGRAM HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY FOREIGN OFFICE TODAY FROM SENATOR MAGNUSON INVITING PRIME MINISTER TO MEET WITH HIM AFTER ARRIVAL IN SEATTLE. YOSHINO DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER PRIME MINISTER WOULD DO SO BUT I GOT THE IMPRESSION HE THOUGHT IT A POSSIBILITY.

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